

**REMARKS**

The above claims have been amended to more closely correspond them to United States claiming practice, namely, by removing multiple dependencies and providing proper antecedent basis.

. These changes are not made to avoid prior art and do not narrow the scope of the claims, as measured from the literal translation of the German language claims. These amendments to the claims are fully supported by the literal translation into English of the specification as filed in Germany, and they do not introduce new subject matter.

The claims as amended are provided on clean sheets.

Respectfully submitted,



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